

Older Inmates Under TDOC Supervision

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Nearly 10% of inmates in TDOC facilities are age 50 and over.

The age range of the older population is 50-83 years old.

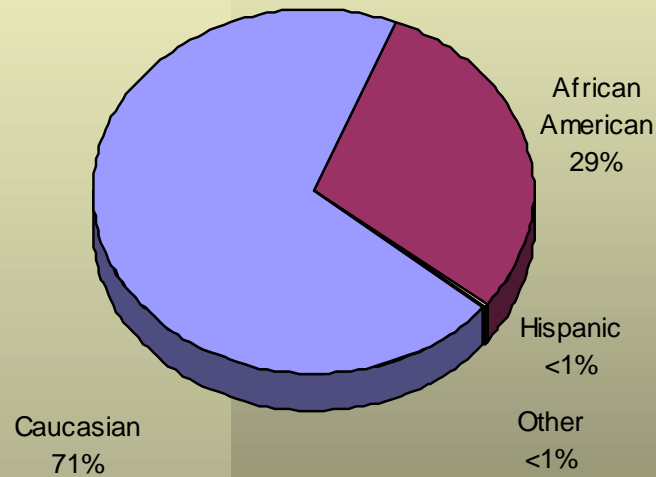
The average age of the older population is 56 years.

The typical inmate who is 50 and over is:

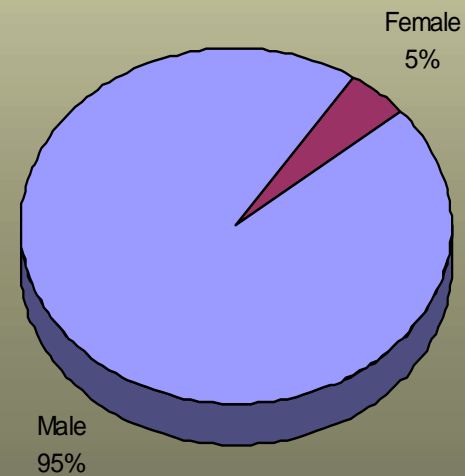
- **Caucasian**
- **housed in Deberry Special Needs Facility or Wayne County Annex**
- **in Minimum Restricted custody**
- **has a 20+ year or life sentence for homicide or a sex offense**
- **has served 10 or more years on his/her sentence.**

Source data: The TOMIS data extracted for this fact sheet provides a “snapshot” of the older population of TDOC felons in state prisons on December 2002.

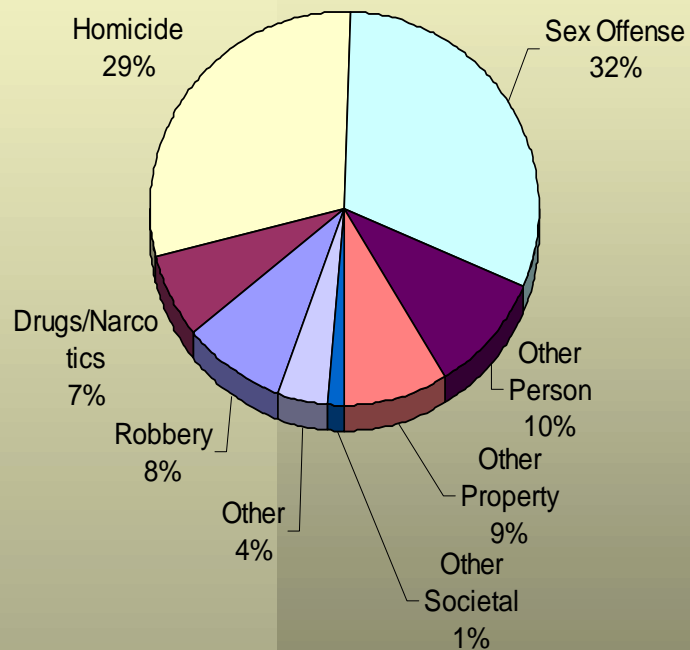
Inmates Age 50 and Over: Race & Gender



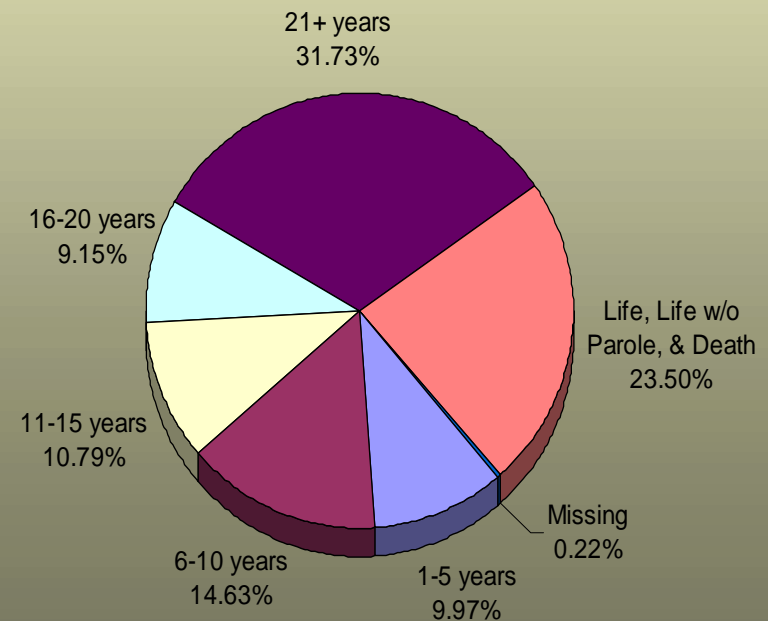
Gender



Inmates Age 50 and Over: Offense & Length of Sentence



Length of Sentence



Percentage of Facility Population Ages 50 and Over

West Tennessee State Penitentiary	6.85%
Whiteville Correctional Facility	4.39%
Wayne County Boot Camp	0.00%
Wayne County Annex	20.47%
Tennessee Prison for Women	7.12%
Turney Center Industrial Prison & Farm	10.08%
Southeastern Tennessee State Regional Correctional Facility	15.26%
Deberry Special Needs Facility	27.79%
South Central Correctional Facility	10.05%
Riverbend Maximum Security Institution	11.94%
Northwest Correctional Complex	7.47%
Northeast Correctional Complex	14.13%
Middle Tennessee Correctional Complex	6.67%
Mark Lutrell Correctional Center	7.94%
Hardeman County Correctional Facility	6.68%
Brushy Mountain Correctional Complex	11.10%

Over the past 12 years:

- The greatest increase of older inmates occurred in the Minimum Restricted Custody Level.
- The average time served for older inmates has increased.
- There has been a 5% increase of older inmates released.

A more comprehensive research brief on the Aging inmate population may be obtained by request to Planning & Research at the following contact information:

www.state.tn.us/correction/planning/planning.html

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